

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A Mmethod for the checking, particularly for ensuring the continuity, of a bearer channel connection in a telecommunication system, wherein comprising:

a first media gateway;

a second media gateway;

~~the connection is implemented via a packet-oriented data network (42)~~ adapted to implement the connection between a the first media gateway and a the second media gateway (36, 38), ; and

a first controller (44) controlling at least the first media gateway (36),

~~characterized in that, wherein~~ for a connection continuity check, the first controller (44) indicates to the second media gateway (38) that a test signal sent by the first media gateway (36) is being sent back to the latter first media gateway in order to check, on the basis of said test signal, whether the bearer channel connection is through-connected between the first and second media gateway (36, 38).

2. (currently amended) A Mmethod according to Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the first controller, ~~in particular a first call feature server (44),~~ sends the indication via a second controller, ~~in particular a second call feature server (46),~~ assigned to the second media gateway (38).

3. (currently amended) A Mmethod according to Claim 2, characterized in that wherein the first controller (44) controls the first media gateway (36) in such a way that the ~~latter~~ first media gateway sends the test signal to the second media gateway (38) via the packet-oriented data network (42) and waits ~~for~~ a pre-defined time for the test signal to be sent back by the second media gateway (38).

4. (currently amended) A Mmethod according to Claim 3, characterized in that wherein the first media gateway (36), ~~when it receives the returned test signal,~~ checks whether the test signal

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originates from the address indicated by the second media gateway (38) after it receives the returned test signal.

5. (currently amended) A Method according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 4~~, characterized in that wherein a call feature server (44, 46) provides call services.

6. (currently amended) An Arrangement for the testing, ~~in particular for ensuring the continuity,~~ of a bearer channel connection in a telecommunication system comprising:

a packet-oriented data network (42);

a first media gateway ~~and connected to a second media gateway (36, 38) connected thereto;~~ and

a first call-related controller (44) assigned to at least the first media gateway (36), ~~characterized in that the first call feature server (44) has~~ call-related controller including test equipment implemented in such a way that it adapted to indicates to the second media gateway (38) that a test signal sent by the first media gateway (36) for a connection continuity check is being sent back to the first media gateway (36) by the second media gateway (38).

7. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to Claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ wherein a timer allocates ~~for allocating~~ the waiting time for receiving the returned test signal at the first media gateway.

8. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, characterized by wherein test equipment ~~which checks the~~ an address of a test signal received at the first media gateway.

9. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to ~~one of the preceding~~ claims 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the test signal is a test bit pattern.

10. (currently amended) An Arrangement according to ~~one of Claims 6 to 9~~, characterized in that wherein the packet-oriented data network (42) is an IP- or ATM-based network.

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11. (currently amended) ~~An Arrangement according to one of Claims 6 to 10, characterized in that wherein terminals also of IP subscribers are directly connected to at least one controller, in particular a call feature server (44, 46).~~

12. (currently amended) ~~An Arrangement according to Claim 11, characterized in that wherein the terminals are connected in particular via DSS1 or via at least one exchange (16, 18), in particular via ISUP.~~

13. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the checking of the bearer channel connection ensures the continuity of the bearer channel connection.

14. (new) A method according to Claims 1, wherein the test signal is a test bit pattern.

15. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the packet-oriented data network is an IP- or ATM-based network.

16. (new) A method according to Claim 3, wherein a call feature server provides call services.

17. (new) An arrangement according to Claim 7, wherein test equipment checks an address of a test signal received at the first media gateway.